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SUBJECT: UNIFICATION OF PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTATION LEADING TO
PROCUREMENT

REF (A) AIDTO CIRCULAR A-473 (B) STATE 235498

1. AFTER CONSIDERATION REF A USAID/CAIRO FEELS BASIC SYSTEM
PROPOSED IS SOUND AND POSITIVE STEP TOWARD UNIFICATION OF LOAN
GRANT PROCEDURES. USE OF PIL AS KEYSTONE IN PROCUREMENT PRO-
CESS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES UTILIZES AGENCY TESTED
METHODOLOGY AND EXTENDS POSITIVE ASPECT OF AID LOAN PROCESS
TO OVERALL AGENCY PROGRAMS.

2. SPECIFICALLY, HOWEVER, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT PAGE 4,
REF A LIST OF EXAMPLES FOR USE OF PIL INCLUDE QUOTE TO NOTIFY
THE B/G OF ANY FORMAL AID APPROVAL OR DENIAL ISSUED PURSUANT
TO THE RELEVANT LOAN OR GRANT AGREEMENTS UNQUOTE AND THAT THE
REQUIREMENT FOR USE OF PIL QUOTE FOR ALL OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS
RELATIVE TO THE PROJECT UNQUOTE BE DELETED.

3. IN REFERENCE TO PIPA ITS USEFULNESS IS ONLY WHERE
ITS SUBSTITUTED FOR THE EXISTING PIO SERIES AND IT
ESSENTIALLY ACCOMPLISHES THE SAME PURPOSE AS A PIO.
FOR HOST COUNTRY CONTRACTS FINANCED BY LETTERS OF
COMMITMENTS/LETTERS OF CREDIT PIPA APPEARS TO SERVE NO
USEFUL PURPOSE AND ONLY INTRODUCES ANOTHER PIECE OF
PAPER, SERIALY NUMBERED, INTO SYSTEM; BUT IT CONTROLS
NOTHING AND PROVIDES THE READER WITH NO INFORMATION.
FOR EXAMPLE, GRANT 263-0012 FOR THE SUEZ CEMENT PLANT HAS
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TWO BASIC COST COMPONENTS - COMMODITIES AND SERVICES. ALL

WILL BE PROCESSED THROUGH HOST COUNTRY CONTRACTS. ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS, WE WILL NOW PREPARE ONE PIPA LISTING THESE BROAD CATEGORIES, AND REFER TO IMPLEMENTATION LETTER NO. 1, OR WE COULD PREPARE TWO, THREE OR FOUR. ONCE PREPARED WE PUT THE PIPA IN THE MISSION'S FILES. THE CONTROL OF THE FUNDS WILL BE UNDER THE L/COMMS - OF WHICH THERE MAY BE FIVE, TEN OR FIFTEEN. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT PIPA BE DISCARDED FOR B/G HOST COUNTRY CONTRACTS FINANCED THROUGH L/COMMS.

4. AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 14 REF. A IS A REQUIREMENT THAT PIPA BE TRANSMITTED TO THE B/G BY MEANS OF A PIL. THIS WOULD CREATE EXCESS PAPER WORK, AND WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE PIPA BE ABLE TO STAND ON ITS OWN, USING ITS OWN NUMBERING SYSTEM, SO THAT THE PIL NOT BE REQUIRED AS A COVERING DOCUMENT.

5. ON PIPA FACE SHEET THERE SHOULD BE A SPACE FOR THE CONTROLLER TO SIGN OR INITIAL, INDICATING THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.
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